

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-2. (canceled).

3. (previously presented) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence encoding a human Nit2 protein, wherein the nucleotide sequence is a cDNA sequence comprising the nucleotide sequence of SEQ. ID. NO: 8.

4-40. (canceled).